

for extra personnel during the Y2K rollover to operate plants in manual mode if required.

**Home Heating Oil and Gas Industry.** Reports and forecasts available from the American Petroleum Institute (API) and the American Gas Association (AGA) indicate that virtually 100 percent of the oil and natural gas consumption infrastructure in the U.S. will be Y2K-ready by year's end.

**U.S. Postal Service (USPS).** The USPS has reported to the President's Council on Y2K that all systems and equipment used to process mail will be ready in time.

**Financial Institution Preparations.** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and National Credit Union Association (NCUA) have renovated systems for Y2K compliance. Various federal and state regulators are closely monitoring the progress of banks, credit unions, and savings institutions. Examiners have conducted special Y2K assessments of every FDIC-insured institution in the country. Regulators will conduct follow-up assessments through 1999 and into 2000.

**ATM Machines.** Industry officials concur that nearly all ATM machines will be fully functional. At most, there could be limited outages of ATMs in some areas.

The New Federal Credit Union states it has completed its upgrade for Y2K.

**Miscellaneous.** The Defense Logistics Agency has set up contingency plans for the Defense Logistics Agency. Base operations will continue as normal, and food will be available.

American families stationed overseas may be living in local communities not as well prepared for Y2K as in the United States. Contact your U.S. base, station or embassy for additional information.

**Social Security.** Social Security checks will be on time when the new millennium arrives. The Social Security system has been certified Y2K compliant.



**DoD Biomedical Equipment.** DoD biomedical equipment is 100% Y2K compliant. DoD Health Affairs and a multi-agency federal working group have collaborated with equipment manufacturers to develop a database of Y2K information for biomedical equipment.

**Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS).** DEERS automatically confirms medical benefit eligibility. DEERS is Y2K ready.

**TRICARE.** The DoD Health Affairs Office reports all TRICARE systems have undergone end-to-end testing and are certified Y2K compliant. These efforts include continuous supply of prescriptions.

## RECOMMENDED FAMILY Y2K PREPARATIONS

As the new year approaches it would be wise. Stay you and your family take a few precautions. Common sense steps can guard against the unlikely but possible inconveniences that may occur as we move to

temporary isolated disruptions; however, widespread, long-term incidents should not occur. Most actions you should take are similar to preparations for a winter storm. Consider other actions to include advance record keeping (financial, medical, insurance, personnel, ...) to accurately document your current status. Should disruptions occur, you will be

prepared, but don't forget elderly relatives and children who need your assistance.



Personnel and Pay Systems

Accounting Service (DFAS)

Personnel Systems have been certified Y2K compliant. Processing of personnel actions will continue without a break. DoD's ability to pay its employees will not be affected. The services are completing the remediation and testing of personnel systems that feed data to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS).

